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SUBJ: PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON WP FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

REF: (A) MOSCOW 6779, (B) BUCHAREST 3749

1. PRAVDA MAY 24 CARRIES COMMENTARY WHICH SERVES AS PREFACE TO WARSAW PACT FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING DUE TO START IN MOSCOW LATER THIS WEEK (REFTELS). UNDER TITLE OF "POLICH OF PEACE" POLITICAL COMMENTATOR MAY PODKLYUCHNIKOV REINFORCES OUR BELIEF THAT PRIMARY TOPIC OF MEETINGS WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COORDINATING LINE TO BE TAKEN IN BELGRADE CSCE MEETINGS, SINCE CSCE IS SOLE SUBJECT RAISED IN ARTICLE.

2. AFTER POINTING TO FONMINS MEETING AS "THE FURTHER PERFECTING OF THE MECHANISM OF CLOSE COOPERATION OF THE FRATERNAL COUNTRIES IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN POLICY," HE MOVES ON DIRECTLY TO STRESS

IMPORTANCE OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND CSCE PROCESS AND TO RECALL WP PCC MEETING IN NOVEMBER 1976 AND ITS "IMPORTANT PROPOSALS" (ON NON-FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FREEZING MEMBERSHIP IN NATO AND WP) AS EXAMPLES OF SUPPLEMENTATION OF POLITICAL DETENTE BY MILITARY DETENTE." IN REFERRING TO BELGRADE PODKLYUCHNIKOV SHOWS NO DEFENSIVENESS AND MATTER-OFFACTLY STATES THAT EAST IS "REPULSING JOINTLY THE FORCES OF THE IMPERIALIST REACTION AND MILITARISM" WHICH WOULD LIKE TO TURN BELGRADE INTO "AN ARENA OF CONFRONTATION." EAST, HE DECLARES, WANTS TO SEE BELGRADE HAVE "A BUSINESS-LIKE AND POSITIVE CHARACTER" AND IS FOLLOWING A "DELIBERATE POLICY AND PRINCIPLED COURSE" TO THIS END.

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